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TAGS: PINT, KE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ORDERS MINOR CABINET SHUFFLE

1. PRESIDENT KENYATTA ANNOUNCED JULY 19 THAT DR. ZACHARIAH ONYONKA, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, IS BEING REPLACED BY MR. TAAITTA TOWEETT, WHO IS PRESENTLY MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES. ONYONKA WILL TAKE TOWEETT'S PORTFOLIO. TOWEETT PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS EDUCATION MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: NO REASON HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR SWITCH, BUT SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE ONYONKA'S EFFORTS TO BRING PRESENTLY AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY COUNCIL UNDER EDUCATION MINISTRY'S WING LED TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO ANOTHER AREA. ONYONKA, A KISII FROM WESTERN KENYA, IS ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE INCURRED OPPOSITION OF EDUCATION PERMSEC PETER GACHATHI, A KIAMBU KIKUYU WITH GOOD POLITICAL CONNECTIONS. MINISTERIAL SHUFFLE, IN ANY CASE, INDICATES KENYATTA CONTINUES TO KEEP WATCHFUL EYE ON PERFORMANCE OF HIS MINISTERS.

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